

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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MEETINGS are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.**Day Meetings:** 1pm – 3-30pm: First Monday of the month, February to December**Night Meetings:** 7-30pm– 9.30pm: Third Tuesday of the month February to November**COMMITTEE****Co-ordinator/Contact****Secretary**

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Marlborough Park Hall is open on

Wednesday and Friday from 1pm – 3pm.

On Monday meeting days it will open at 12-30pm:**On Tuesday meeting nights** it will open at 6-45pm

Hi Everyone,

This has been a very busy February for the start of our year. Our first Day Meeting was extremely well attended with speaker Lisa Truttman giving us a helpful lot of information regarding hospital records which could be an answer to few empty gaps in family records.

We have some of Lisa's notes available in our resource room @ 50cents per copy.

First Night Meeting also very interesting, as Peter Michel enlightened us with good ideas about recording family histories on DVD - very professionally presented.

Whilst we have Dunedin AGM & Conference 3-6 June 2011, lift-out registration forms were included in Nov/Dec NZSG Magazine, we also have the Family History Fair 26-27th August 2011 at Hamilton - same cards as last year will be on display plus a sample or two of our clippings pages to be appropriately set up to view.

As our AGM will take place 17th May next, we would appreciate very much if we could have some idea from Members interested in becoming more involved within our Branch Committee - please contact me or any other Committee Member for a chat - thankyou.

Di (secretary)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTE-UP GROUP

PLEASE DO NOT GO INTO THE BOXES ON THE TOP SHELF OF THE BOOK CASE. THESE **WERE** ALL IN ORDER READY FOR BINDING. SOMEONE HAS BEEN USING THESE BOXES AND THEY NOW HAVE TO BE RE-SORTED.

PLEASE LEAVE THEM ALONE!!!

SPEAKERS CALENDAR



7th March 2011 – Day Meeting

Speaker – Carol Redgrove

Author of “Let’s Investigate.....”

Sheryl Pawson will also give a short talk about
The Cemetery Records at Schnapper Rock

15th March – Night Meeting

Speaker – Campbell Farquhar

Subject – The NZ Film Archive

4th April 2011 – Day Meeting

Speaker – Jan Gow

Subject – checking the Big Five – Create Your Own
Checklist for UK Research

19th April 2011 – Night Meeting

Speaker – Trevor Doar

Subject – Organising a Family Reunion

2nd May 2011 – Day Meeting

Speaker – David Verran/Seonaid Lewis

Subject – The North Shore: “An Illustrated History”
(David’s book), and Holdings in the Research Centre
at Auckland Library.

17th May – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and

Speaker – Vivienne Parker

Subject – Using Parish Records

IMPORTANT NOTICE

After more than 10 years of loyal service Di Ross will not be standing again as Branch Secretary or acting-Convenor or any committee positions although she will continue to be part of the Branch and will support the new members of the Committee in any way required.

We will therefore be requiring volunteers for the following key positions for the Branch.

- 1. Convenor**
- 2. Secretary**
- 3. 2 new members for the Committee.**

Please give this matter serious consideration before the AGM in May. Our Branch needs these new people in order to continue what has been in the past a very successful Branch of the NZSG.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Please remember our donation box

If you are using our research facilities a gold coin donation will be appreciated.

NEW CD

Whellan's 1853 Directory of Manchester and Salford

The Index for Dunedin Family History Group newsletters for 2010 is now in the DFHG folder.

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

February 2011

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 The Dictionary of NZ Biography – page 5
 Big changes at FamilySearch.org – page 9
 About Genes Reunited – page 13

Peter Cross is compiling a booklet of New Zealand Websites for New Zealand research. He will be circulating a hand-out at the next 2 meetings and would appreciate input from Members with lists of the N.Z. websites they use in their research. He will donate one of these booklets to the Branch and we will then be selling them at a small charge to members and others who are interested.

NZSG indexing of New Zealand Herald death Notices will be resuming shortly. A clip board will be sent around at the next meeting for names of members who are willing to participate.

We have several Microfiche missing, They are –
 29 Index for Waikaraka Cemetery
 315 & 316 Ranfurly Cemetery. If you have these we would be grateful to have them back.

CENSUS TAKER

It was the first day of census and all through the land
The pollster was ready... a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.

She gave him some water... as they sat at the table;
And she answered his questions... the best she was able.
He asked of her children... Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the colour, the age...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? Or Utah? Or Oregon... or not?
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
They could read some and write some... though really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."

Now picture a time warp... it's now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census and scroll down so slow,
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would effect us this way?

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

The Englishman's Dilemma

The average Englishman, in his home he calls his castle, puts on his national costume – his shabby raincoat, patented by Charles Mackintosh of Glasgow, Scotland. He drives a car fitted with tyres invented by John Boyd Dunlop of Dreghorn Scotland. At the office he receives his mail with adhesive stamps which, although they bear the Queen of England's head, were invented by John Chambers of Dundee, Scotland. During the day he uses the telephone, invented by Alexander Graham Bell of Edinburgh, Scotland.

At home in the evening he watches his daughter ride her bicycle, invented by Kilpatrick MacMillan, a blacksmith from Dumfries, Scotland. He watches the news on television which was invented by John Logie Baird of Helensborough Scotland and hears an item about the US Navy, founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkbean, Scotland.

He has now been reminded too much about Scotland and in desperation picks up the Bible, only to find that the first man mentioned in the book is a good Scot – King James VI – who authorized its translation.

Nowhere can an Englishman turn to escape the ingenuity of the Scots, he could take a drink but the Scots make the finest in the world, he could take a rifle and end it all but the breech-loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson of Pitfours, Scotland.

If he escaped death, he could find himself on an operating table, being injected with penicillin, discovered by Alexander Fleming of Darvel, Scotland., and given an anaesthetic, discovered by Sir James Young Simpson of Bathgate, Scotland. Out of the anaesthetic he would find no comfort in learning that he was as safe as the Bank of England which was founded by William Patterson of Dumfries, Scotland.

Perhaps his only hope would be to get a transfusion of good Scottish blood.

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Things for the raffle

We are running short of things for our raffles. If any members have anything at home that are surplus to their requirements and suitable for our raffles, gifts of these would be most appreciated.

The Family History Library - in Salt Lake City and Near You

The following article is written primarily for genealogy newcomers. It explains one of the most valuable tools available to you today: how to access the millions of records held by the Mormon Church. In fact, you do not need to travel to Salt Lake City to use these resources.

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City contains a huge amount of information of interest to family genealogists, including you. It contains the largest collection of genealogy material ever assembled under one roof: 142,000 square feet on five floors. What's more, if a trip to Utah isn't your cup of tea, you may find that most of this information is also available within a short ride from your home.

The Family History Library is owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, often referred to as "the Mormons." However, the Library itself operates in a non-denominational manner. The Mormons collect records from all over the world, regardless of the religion of the people involved. Likewise, everyone is invited to use the Library in Salt Lake City, regardless of religious beliefs. In fact, only a minority of the Library's daily visitors are Mormons. Library patrons are never asked to read or to listen to any religious materials. In fact, when you enter the library, you are not asked for your religious affiliation. Mormons, Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Hindus, Muslims, and atheists are all welcomed equally. The only "restrictions" are for no smoking in the library or on the grounds, and no caffeinated beverages are to be consumed on the premises.

The Salt Lake City Family History Library is open to the general public at no charge. Many of the library's estimated daily 1,900 visitors travel from distant lands to use the available materials. I have seen people in the Family History Library from New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Sweden, South Africa, and other countries.

The Family History Library has 125 full-time and part-time professional staff plus another 400 or so trained volunteers. The library also has more than 200 computers available for patron use, 509 microfilm readers, 36 microfiche readers, 28 microfilm and microfiche copiers, 4 microfilm scanners, and 15 book copiers,

The Library's genealogy resources include the following vast collections:

- More than 2.4 million rolls of microfilmed genealogical records
- 727,000 sheets of microfiche
- 356,000 books, serials, and other publications
- 4,500 periodicals
- 3,725 electronic resources
- Hundreds of millions of records of genealogy interest available on computer databases

The majority of the records contain information about persons who lived before 1930. Records available are from the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Africa. The Library has overseen the filming and/or digitizing of records in over 110 countries, territories, and possessions. Even now crews are scanning records in more than 45 countries.

The Church stores the master copies of all these microfilms and fiche in its Granite Mountain storage facility. This massive vault is literally built into a mountainside, about 25 miles from downtown Salt Lake City. In this subterranean complex workers make copies of films and fiche for use at the Family History Library and elsewhere.

Travel to Salt Lake City can be time-consuming as well as expensive.

Millions of these records have been digitized and are now available at <http://www.familysearch.org>. However, these millions of digitized records still represent only a tiny percentage of the total records available on microfilm and microfiche. If you limit yourself to the only digital records, you will miss the majority of available information! Luckily, you do not need to travel all the way to Utah to use the resources of this great library.

The Family History Library has a vast system of over 4,500 branch libraries, known as Family History Centers ("FHCs" for

short), to help people search for the records of their ancestors. The FHCs operate in 88 countries. Each local Family History Center serves as a "catalog store." You visit the local center near you and place an order to rent rolls of microfilm or microfiche. More than 100,000 rolls of microfilm are circulated from Granite Mountain to local Family History Centers around the world every month. Chances are very good that one of these FHCs is convenient to anyone reading this article. For example, there are 74 FHCs in Florida alone! Other Family History Centers are found in England, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and many other countries.

To find a Family History Center near you, go to <https://library.familysearch.org/>

While your local FHC cannot hold all the records of the main Library, the staff can order any records of interest from Salt Lake City. The records that are available are on microfilm and microfiche as well as on computer databases. The available records include vital, census, land, probate, immigration, and church records, as well as many other records of genealogical value.

There is a modest charge of \$5.50 for each reel of microfilm or collection of microfiche that you order. Orders are usually filled within three weeks or less. Once your rentals arrive at your local FHC, they remain available for your use for several more weeks. You can stop in at your convenience to view the films on the center's microfilm and microfiche viewers. If you need help using a viewer, you simply ask a staff member. You are not allowed to remove the materials from the local Family History Center.

Eventually, the rented records are returned to Salt Lake City.

Many of the records available have been transcribed to computers in the past decade. Each Family History Center has at least one computer; larger centers have multiple computers. Each computer has access to millions of records stored on CD-ROM disks or online. Anyone can use these computers, free of charge. You do not have to be a computer expert to use them; the staff provides assistance for computer novices and genealogy novices alike. Understandably, these computers are quite popular, so you may have to reserve computer time in advance.

The Family History Library's online records are also available to you at home at

http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhlc/library_fhlc_main.asp. You can learn more about the online catalog at <https://fch.ldschurch.org/WWSupport/Courses/LibraryCatalogOverview/Catalog%20Overview/player.html>.

The local centers also provide research outlines that help you zero in on resources from the locations where your ancestors lived. These outlines give detailed advice about how to do genealogical research in a specific state or country, emphasizing what information may be available through the Family History Library. The Family History Library has research outlines for each of the fifty United States, the District of Columbia, most U.S. territories and possessions, each province of Canada, and dozens of foreign countries. The same research outlines are also available online at <http://www.familysearch.org>.

The use of any Family History Center is free; the only charge you might incur is the rental fee for any records you order from the Salt Lake vault. The public is always welcome. These centers are staffed and funded by local Church congregations and are usually located in Church buildings, but a few local centers are in rented quarters elsewhere. Church and community volunteers are on hand to answer questions and lend assistance. The volunteers at these local centers often are a mix of Mormons and non-Mormons alike. If you are concerned that someone at a FHC will impose their religion on you, then don't be! You will get religious information only if you ask for it. Your religious beliefs will not be an issue, and no missionaries will come to your door because you used one of their facilities.

When you start on your family tree research project, you certainly will want to use the facilities of your local Family History Center. Do not make the mistake of many beginning genealogists by assuming that, just because information is on the Web, or just because it is printed in a book, it's a fact. Always draw your conclusions after you view surviving documents (birth, marriage, death, christening, burial, church, military, land, probate, courthouse, census, etc.). Microfilm copies of many of these original records are available through your local Family History Center. Your local FHC can save you substantial time and bundles in travel dollars!

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